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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Vernon L. Alvarez

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ANTIGEN BINDING PEPTIDES

(ABTIDES) FROM PEPTIDE LIBRARIES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000, be extended for a period of three month(s) from January 24, 2001 to and including April 24, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$445.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date April 24, 2001

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